## Position Qualification for Logistics and Supply Chain Management Logistics and Transportation

### **SUPPLY UNIT LEADER (NQS)**

| RESOURCE CATEGORY                       | Logistics and Transportation   |
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| RESOURCE KIND                           | Personnel  |
| OVERALL FUNCTION                        | The Supply Unit Leader oversees unit staff who order, receive, process, store, inventory and distribute all incident-related resources. The Supply Unit Leader also oversees unit staff who assist in projecting resource needs.   |
| COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS | <ol> <li>This position can be ordered as a single resource.</li> <li>Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation and meals, prior to deployment.</li> <li>Requestor specifies any additional qualifications necessary, based on incident complexity and needs.</li> </ol> |

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

| COMPONENT                | SINGLE TYPE   | NOTES  |
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| DESCRIPTION              | The Supply Unit Leader:  1. Establishes or transitions into a unit under the Logistics Section  2. Configures unit with personnel to meet incident needs  3. Supervises the ordering of resources—including personnel, equipment and supplies—for incident support  4. Oversees the receiving, processing, storage, inventorying and distribution of incident-related resources and supplies  5. Helps project operational support resource needs   | Not Specified  |
| EDUCATION                | Not Specified   | Not Specified  |
| TRAINING                 | Completion of the following:  1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100  2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200  3. ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents  4. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction  5. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction  6. E/G/L 0191: Emergency Operations Center/Incident Command System Interface  7. E/L 0970: National Incident Management System Incident Command System All-Hazards Supply Unit Leader, or equivalent | I. Identified equivalent trainings should meet or exceed course learning objectives.     The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training Program defines a national baseline to guide and promote NIMS training. It provides recommendations to assist Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) in developing their own training plans, tailored to their specific needs. |
| EXPERIENCE               | Successful completion of the National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book (PTB) for the NIMS Supply Unit Leader, or equivalent AHJ documentation     Leadership experience in incident management in a subordinate position, including experience in ordering, receiving and inventorying resources, as well as managing incident logistics   | Not Specified  |
| PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS | Light   | The NIMS Guideline for the NQS defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NQS positions.  |



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| COMPONENT  | SINGLE TYPE   | NOTES   |
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|  | Functions in this position or a higher position during a qualifying incident, planned event, exercise, drill or simulation at least once every five years | A higher position is one for which this position is a prerequisite. |
| PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS | Not Specified   | Not Specified   |



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#### **NOTES**

- 1. Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.
- 2. Additional training on this position is available from the National Wildfire Coordinating Group at https://www.nwcg.gov/positions.

#### **REFERENCES**

- 1. FEMA, National Qualification System (NQS) Position Task Book for Supply Unit Leader, latest edition adopted
- 2. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
- 3. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the NQS, November 2017
- 4. FEMA, NIMS Training Program, May 2020
- 5. FEMA, National Response Framework, October 2019
- 6. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), Position Catalog, latest edition published